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SUBJ: 56TH ECOSOC ITEM 4-- SUDANO-SAHEL

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(B) STATE 099970 (NOTAL)

1. RESOLUTION PROVIDED DEPARTMENT REF (A) PASSED IN ECOSOC PLENARY WITHOUT A VOTE, AMENDED AS FOLLOWS: (A) A FOURTH PREAMBULAR PARA ADDED, "NOTING THAT THE EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT HAVE BEEN FELT IN A LARGE NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND THAT A MIGRATION OF A SIZABLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM THE SUDANO-SAHEL REGION TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES HAS CAUSED NOTABLE DIFFICULTIES IN THESE COUNTRIES"; AND (B) OPERATIVE PARA 6 CHANGED TO READ,"INVITES THE SPECIAL SAHELINA OFFICE TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN AND COOPERATION WHICH ALREADY EXISTS WITH THE PERMANENT INTERSTATE COMMITTEE ON DROUGHT

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CONTROL IN THE SAHEL." BOTH AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED BY

SENEGAL ORALLY, AND HENCE THERE MIGHT BE SLIGHT CHANGE WHEN FINAL TEXT ISSUED. SENEGAL ALSO INTRODUCED RESOLUTION.

2. 27 COUNTRIES MADE STATEMENTS, INCLUDING U.S. (KLEINL), BASED ON INFO IN POSITION PAPER. AMONG THE MANY STATEMENTS, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE OF SOME INTEREST: SENEGAL, IN REFERRING TO BILATERAL DONORS TO THE SAHEL MADE POINT OF MENTIONING THE PRC AS AN EXAMPLE (NO OTHER EXAMPLE GIVEN); PRC IN ITS STATEMENT APPROACHED SUBJECT OF SAHEL IN PROBLEM-SOLVING, COHERENT, NON-POLEMICAL MANNER, WHICH NOT ALWAYS TRUE THIS DELEGATION; MALI MADE POINT OF RECALLING PROPOSAL OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AT RECENTLY CONCLUDED SPECIAL GA TO TACKLE DROUGHT PROBLEM AT ROOT CAUSES (NO OTHER DELEGATION MADE SUCH REFERENCE, ALTHOUGH SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL MOST RECENT AND IN SOME RESPECTS MOST DRAMATIC OF SAHEL PROPOSALS IN UN FORUM); UK REFERRED TO U.S. REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUE AS MECHANISM TO USE IN EXAMINING SAHEL PROBLEM. AT END OF DISCUSSION SENEGAL THANKED SPONSOR AND SUPPORTERS, AND ALSO THANKED THOSE DELEGATION WHO "COULD NOT SUPPORT." NOT CLEAR TO US WHICH DELEGATION COULD NO SUPPORT RES, BUT ASSUME THESE POSSIBLY THE SAME AS THOSE HAVING "NOTABLE DIFFICULTIES" PER AMENDMENT NOTED PARA ONE.

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